Acrylic fibre production by IPCI

1349. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the installed capacity of Indian Petro-chemicals Limited for Acrylic Fibre;

(b) what was the actual production during 1986, (ending 31st December, 1986) of Acrylic Fibre in IPCL; and

(c) what were the total sales through all the IPCL outlets during 1986 (ending 31st December, 1986)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The installed capacity of Acrylic Fibre Plant of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) is 12,000 MTA.

(b) and (c) The actual production and actual sales of Acrylic Fibre of IPCL during January 1986 to 31st December, 1986 were 12,150 MTs and 12,146 MTs respectively.

Rates of Electricity for agricultural purposes

1350. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the resentment among farmers in various states of the country particularly of Uttar Pradesh over the high increase in the flat rate of electricity supplied to the farmers *w.e.f.* 1st September, 1986;

(b) what are the State-wise rates of the figures regarding the rates of the electricity being charged from farmers as on 1st January, 1984 and 1st January, 1986 and on 1st January, 1987;

(c) whether in view of the difficulties being faced by the farmers Government propose to reduce the rate of the electricity which were prevalent prior to the 1st September, 1986; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) Under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, it is within the purview of the State Governments/State Electricity Boards to revise tariffs for various categories of consumers. The State Electricity Boards supply electricity to the agricultural sector considerably below the cost of supply. The State-wise information, as available, in regard to average rates of agricultural tariff, as on 1-1-1984, 1-1-1986 and 1-1 1987, is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Estimated average rates of agricultural tariff in various States for which information is available

(Paise/Unit)

S.No.	Name of the State	Agricultural Tariff as on		
		1-1-1984	1-1-1986	1-1-1987
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	10·99	10·99	10·99
2.	Assam	30·00	30·00	50·00
3.	Bihar	36·00	36·00	36·00
4.	Gujarat*	33·50	36·51	36·51
5.	Haryana*	27·96	30·92	30·92

*For states where agricultural tariff is levied/charged at flat rates the figures are based on prevailing average load factor and consumption levels.

1	2	3	4	5
6	Himachal Pradesh	21·94	21·94	21·94
7	Jammu & Kashmir	11·50	11·50	11·50
8	Karnataka*	16·82	20·18	20·18
9	Kerala	15·22	15·22	15·22
10	Madhya Pradesh	16·00	16·00	16·00
11	Maharashtra*	22·57	15·05	15·05
12	Meghalaya	21·00	21·00	21·00
13	Orissa	22·22	22·75	22·71
14	Punjab*	12·18	12·18	12·18
15	Rajasthan*	22·00	29·00	29·00
16	Tamil Nadu*	15·00	14·87	14·87
17	Uttar Pradesh*	22·98	29·70	29·70
18	West Bengal	35·00	35.00	3·00
19	Nagaland	50·00	50·00	50·00
20	Sikkim	40·00	40·00	64·00
21	Tripura	35·00	35·00	35·00

*For States where Agricultural tariff is levied/charged at flat rates the figures are based on prevailing average load factor and consumption levels.

Shifting of Head Office of IDPL

1351. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited to shift the head office of the marketing division from New Delhi to Gurgaon in Haryana; and

(b) if so, how far it is going to improve the profitability and liquidity position by the shifting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The marketing division of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited has recently been shifted from New Delhi to Gurgaon in Haryana. No permission is required to be taken by the company from the Government in such cases.

The management of IDPL has stated that by moving the marketing division from rented premises at New Delhi to the Company's own premises at Gurgaon, a net saving of about Rs. 8 lakhs per annum will be effected. The company also expects to achieve better coordination between marketing, production and finance functions.

Delhi Electric Supply Undertakings

1352. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to make DESU a subsidiary company;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and